**VP Academic Report – 9/13/17**

**OASIS**

* Helped update the Guide to New Students, now available on the OASIS website
* Spoke at Faculty of Arts Orientation (8/29) about resources provided by AUS
* Helped plan and run the Departmental Program Fair (9/30) – Huge success!!
  + Thank you to the student associations in attendance, one of the most well-attended fairs ever!
* Funded the OASIS ASAP Chatline but encouraged them to seek alternate source of funding in future years

**Student Rights**

* The SSMU Know Your Rights campaign is in full swing, for further questions contact SSMU University Affairs Isabelle Oke
* If any of your constituents suspect that their rights are being violated, don’t hesitate to contact me

**Peer Tutoring**

* Funding application was sent out early (12:30 AM) on 9/5
  + **Deadline: September 18th, 5pm, emailed to** [**academic.aus@mail.mcgill.ca**](mailto:academic.aus@mail.mcgill.ca)
  + PLEASE contact me if your association did not receive the application or if you have any questions!
* Individual tutor contract/integrity agreements will be sent out as soon as funding decisions have been made (1-2 days after deadline)

**Essay Centre**

* Champagne Room, 10:30-11:30 AM or by apt
* Start Date: Monday 9/25
* Email [aus.essay.centre@gmail.com](mailto:aus.essay.centre@gmail.com) with questions or concerns!
* Coords (Internal and External) have begun the tutor search process
  + Tutor Orientation: 9/22

**Prof Talks**

* Still looking for a second Coordinator!
* Will help plan a series (5-6) discussions/presentations by groups of professors with expertise or research background in the featured field. High probability of featuring wine and cheese. Pick your incentive.
* **Deadline: September 18th, email resume to academic.aus@mail.mcgill.ca**

**Faculty Committees**

* Still looking for seats!
  + Faculty of Arts Committee
  + Humanities and Social Science Library Advisory Committee
  + Program Committees
    - African Studies
    - Quebec Studies
    - Industrial Relations
    - Women’s Studies
    - Indigenous Studies
* Recruiting for Curriculum Committee and Committee on Student Affairs completed
* All meet roughly once a month

**Portfolio Committees**

* Also still looking for seats
  + Academic Affairs Committee
    - Develops projects in conjunction with the Academic portfolio
    - Meets about once a month
  + AUS Library Partnership Committee
    - Works with the HSSL Head Librarian to develop a funding proposal for the February AUIFC meeting
    - Projects seeking funding must be geared toward improving the Library for Arts Students
    - Meets every 2 weeks

**New Project – Writing Courses**

* Working with the McGill Writing Centre and Associate Dean Lucy Lach to promote and possibly accredit writing instruction as part of either the Freshman Program or assorted, writing-intensive degree programs
* One option is to approach departments with the possibility of making the MWC writing courses complementary or required courses to specific programs
  + Would require resources (money, profs, space) to expand MWC course capacity
* Another option is to host a workshop/seminar, hopefully twice a semester or so, as a collaboration with AUS, MWC, possibly OASIS, and maybe interested (writing-intensive) departments that showcase the importance of writing, common mistakes, general guidelines, plagiarism rules, etc.

**Assorted Meetings**

* Justin Fletcher, Teaching and Learning Services
  + Uploading course outlines and creating an inventory
* Arts Internship Office
  + Goals for the year, collaborations
  + Networking events (as opposed to presentation format)
  + Expanding internship opportunities in non-traditional fields
* Lucy Lach, Associate Dean
  + Projects for the year, opinion on writing course initiative
  + Making chairs and professors aware of what AUS and student associations have to offer

**Conclusion**

If you have any questions or comments, don’t hesitate to email me ([**academic.aus@mail.mcgill.ca**](mailto:academic.aus@mail.mcgill.ca)**)** or stop by the AUS Office (office hours TBD until add/drop, so sorry!). I’m looking forward to working with all of you over the course of the year!

Respectfully submitted,

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